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The meeting was called to order at 6.20 p.m.

Agenda Item 114: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations *(continued)*

Improving the working methods of the Fifth Committee (continued) (A/C.5/52/L.58)

1. **The Chairman** said that he took it that the Committee was not ready to adopt the proposals which he had submitted in document A/C.5/52/L.58 on improving the working methods of the Fifth Committee and suggested that it should defer consideration of the item to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

2. *It was so decided.*

3. **Mr. Elmontasser** (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) drew attention to an error in the Arabic version of document A/C.5/52/L.58. Paragraph 2 referred to the Sixth Committee instead of to the Fifth Committee.

Proposed United Nations Code of Conduct (continued) (A/C.5/52/L.59)

4. **Mr. Moktefi** (Rapporteur), introducing draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.59, which had been orally revised during informal consultations, said that, since the revised text had been adopted by consensus during the consultations, he hoped that the Committee could adopt it without a vote.

5. *Draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.59, as orally revised, was adopted.*

6. **Mr. Atiyanto** (Indonesia), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, welcomed the adoption of the draft resolution, which should contribute to enhancing the efficiency of the Secretariat and to improving the management of the Organization. He looked forward to the updating of the 1954 report on *Standards of Conduct in the International Civil Service* and to the publication of the administrative issuances referred to in paragraph 10 of document A/52/488.

7. **Ms. Silot Bravo** (Cuba) said that, while it did not oppose the adoption of the draft resolution, her delegation would have preferred the Fifth Committee to first seek the views of the Sixth Committee.

Organization of work

8. **The Chairman** proposed that the Committee should postpone its consideration of the item on the strengthening of external oversight mechanisms as well as agenda item 118 (Joint Inspection Unit) to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

9. *It was so decided.*

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

10. An exchange of courtesies followed in which **Mr. Atiyanto** (Indonesia), on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, **Mr. Elmontasser** (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya), **Ms. Incera** (Costa Rica), on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, **Mr. Watanabe** (Japan), **Ms. Güray** (Turkey), on behalf of the Western European and Other States, **Ms. Adnin** (Malaysia), on behalf of the Group of Asian States, **Mr. Hanson-Hall** (Ghana), on behalf of the Group of African States, and **Mr. Sulaiman** (Syrian Arab Republic), on behalf of the Group of Arab States, took part.

11. **The Chairman** thanked delegations for their cooperation, expressed his gratitude to the secretary of the Committee and to the staff of the Secretariat and declared that the Fifth Committee had thus concluded its work for the fifty-second session of the General Assembly.

The meeting rose at 7 p.m.